



45th Presidential Inauguration

After almost two years of continuous campaigning during arguably one of the most atypical election cycles to date, Donald J. Trump will be sworn in as the 45th president of the United States today on the west front of the U.S. Capitol in Washington D.C. Serving as the formal transfer of power between President Barack Obama and President-Elect Trump, the inauguration will prove to be historic as a man who has never before served in government takes to the nation's highest public office. This inauguration will also mark the commencement of a unified government (in which the same party controls the White House and both houses of Congress) in almost a decade.

The schedules for Trump and outgoing President Barack Obama, though, include event obligations all throughout the historic day. The swearing-in ceremony begins with a performance by the United States Marine Band, followed by remarks from Missouri Sen.

Roy Blunt. Religious leaders will hold an invocation, then the Missouri State University Chorale will perform. The main event will occur at noon, in which the President- and Vice President-Elect will be sworn in by Supreme Court Justice Clarence Thomas and Chief Justice John Roberts, respectively. President Trump will then address the crowd with the first speech of his presidency. After the inaugural parade, Trump, Pence and

their families attend three inaugural balls over the course of the night where Trump is expected to make remarks.

However, opulent balls and rock concerts aren't the only events to attend this weekend. There are also a number of pro- and anti-Trump rallies scheduled around the ceremony, as the Department of Homeland Security expects as many as 99 groups to gather this weekend. According to the Women's March on Washington, organizers reported they were expecting upwards of 200,000 people for their event alone on Saturday. In fact,

Schumer has alluded to the possibility of a boycott. The boycotts are "a reflection of the division in the country right now," said White House Press Secretary Josh Earnest.

In the wake of the grandiosity of the event, security will be a massive presence in the nation's capital. The Department of Homeland Security estimated about 28,000 personnel from many different agencies would join in for the job. In addition to the usual range of threats, officials from federal, state and local agencies are preparing this year for what

they say could be large-scale protests aimed at disrupting the ceremony and registering disapproval of Donald J. Trump's presidency at the moment the world is watching his placement in office. A march planned for Saturday could attract as many as half a million people, one official said.

Along with the millions who will be watching Friday are Hills West students, who have joined forces with teachers to watch a monumental event unfold. "I will try to live-stream it during my architecture class seventh period and then re-watch it at home on YouTube," added Andrew Martin. The library will be trying to live stream it during the day as well. While the politics of last year's election still seem to be a polarizing matter, we as a nation will get to say hello to Mr. President himself today.



The Marine Corp Band practiced yesterday for the 45th inauguration of Donald Trump.

Point

By Samantha Lange | Politics Editor

While it is true that there is power in protest, in the solidarity of hundreds of citizens coming together in defense of a common cause, power does not just come from numbers—it requires fuel, a deep, fiery supply of purpose in order to keep the rally cry sounding. What is these protesters’ fuel? Do they protest his character, alone? Distasteful as some may find his word choices and policies, Trump was elected through America’s fair system of democracy—certainly, no one would be so bold as to protest the process itself. Do they, perhaps, protest the heinous actions he has committed under office against this country so far?

That would be a severely misguided rally cry since, as they know, he has yet to take office and, since he has no career in politics, could not have committed political atrocities just yet. Then, that leaves only one possible reason left that they could protest: they rally against not what he has done, or what he says he will do, but what they think he will do.

They have mobilized and invigorated hundreds of people based on unsubstantial theories of what the president-elect will do once he’s in office. Contrary to the advice of both Barack Obama and Hillary Clinton, they have not even given him a chance, and these protests and boycotts show that they do not intend to.

Each refusal to attend, each rally cry is a stubborn, impassioned defiance not just against Trump or Republicans or conservatism, but against the very essence of the peaceful transfer of power that has signified, even in the roughest of times, the heart of America would still beat on, peaceful and unified, despite a healthy dosage of loyal opposition.

Counterpoint

By Nicole Rosenthal | Editor-in-Chief

I rally against all the disturbing and controversial comments that Trump made and promised to initiate on many occasions during his 16-month campaign. He has called to defund Planned Parenthood, overturn *Roe v. Wade*, not to mention a wall that we will bill Mexico for later. In addition, he has mentioned the possibilities of allowing other nations, such as Japan, South Korea, and Saudi Arabia, to acquire nuclear weapons, which is exactly what our foreign policy has been against for decades. During his campaign rallies, Trump spoke about supposedly “draining the swamp,” or taking the elite Washington establishment out of government. In fact, as he built his presidential cabinet, he did not drain the swamp, but fed the crocodiles!

I, as well as the hundreds of thousands of people who have been protesting ever since he became the President-Elect, am mobilized and invigorated because we must push back against the divisive, irrational and downright unprofessional comments the President-Elect has made and continues to make. We must not make these prejudiced sentiments the new normal. In such a globalized world where our country counts on the support of our allies, it is of utmost importance that our president conducts himself in a measured manner with calculated responses and grace.

However divided we may seem, all of us can agree that America’s long tradition of a peaceful transfer of power speaks to our strength as a nation. However, we must not relinquish our given right to speak our minds and continue to promote our views for progressive change for the benefit of all Americans. It is my hope that once Donald Trump takes office, he will learn to comport himself, as the President for each and every one of us.

PROGRAM

PRELUDE	“THE PRESIDENT’S OWN” UNITED STATES MARINE BAND
CALL TO ORDER	THE HONORABLE ROY BLUNT <i>United States Senator, Missouri</i>
READINGS & INVOCATION	HIS EMINENCE TIMOTHY MICHAEL CARDINAL DOLAN <i>Archbishop of New York</i> REVEREND DR. SAMUEL RODRIGUEZ <i>National Hispanic Christian Leadership Conference</i> PASTOR PAULA WHITE-CAIN <i>New Destiny Christian Center</i>
MUSICAL SELECTION	MISSOURI STATE UNIVERSITY CHORALE
	THE VICE PRESIDENTIAL OATH OF OFFICE <i>Administered to</i> MICHAEL RICHARD PENCE <i>by</i> JUSTICE THOMAS THE SUPREME COURT OF THE UNITED STATES
MUSICAL SELECTION	MORMON TABERNACLE CHOIR
	THE PRESIDENTIAL OATH OF OFFICE <i>Administered to</i> DONALD JOHN TRUMP <i>by</i> THE CHIEF JUSTICE OF THE UNITED STATES
INAUGURAL ADDRESS	THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES
READINGS & BENEDICTION	RABBI MARVIN HIER <i>Simon Wiesenthal Center</i> REVEREND FRANKLIN GRAHAM <i>Samaritan’s Purse and The Billy Graham Evangelistic Association</i> BISHOP WAYNE T. JACKSON <i>Great Faith Ministries International</i>
THE NATIONAL ANTHEM	JACKIE EVANCHO

The official program for the 45th presidential inauguration.